

gravel pack, bentonite sealant, and uncontaminated soil.

Historical data indicates that the mercury concentration in the well does not exceed levels that the Environmental Protection Agency maximum concentration for hazardous waste (toxicity characteristic as set forth in 40 CFR 261.24). Any hazardous waste encountered would be managed in accordance with applicable federal and state hazardous waste requirements.

The proposed action would be performed in such a manner as to avoid or minimize potential impacts on the floodplain and any wetlands that may be encountered during the survey. (However, it is not anticipated that wetlands would be encountered.) In accordance with DOE regulations at 10 CFR part 1022, DOE will prepare a floodplain assessment (including wetlands if necessary) and publish a floodplain statement of findings in accordance with 10 CFR 1022.15. Maps and further information are available from DOE at the address below.

DATES: Comments are due by May 26, 1992. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Robert C. Sleeman, Director, Environmental Restoration Division (EW-91), U.S. Department of Energy, Post Office Box 2001, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-8541. Fax comments to 615-576-7042.

Paul D. Grimm,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management.

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Floodplain Involvement Notification for Installation of Water Monitoring Devices at the Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) Near Golden, CO

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of floodplain involvement.

SUMMARY: Regulations at 10 CFR part 1022 require the Department of Energy (DOE) to evaluate actions it may take in a floodplain, in order to ensure consideration of protection of the floodplain in decision making. As soon as practicable, after a determination that a floodplain may be involved, 10 CFR 1022.14 requires that a public notice be published in the *Federal Register* including a description of the proposed action and its location. The proposed action does not involve wetlands.

The DOE proposes to upgrade existing surface water monitoring equipment and to install and operate new water

monitoring stations. Both actions are in the vicinity of the three creeks that drain the RFP (i.e., Woman, Walnut, and Rock Creeks) at sites that may involve floodplains. The upgrading action to six water monitoring stations consists of pouring a concrete foundation near each of the existing stations, and then placing a small (60 square feet) prefabricated fiberglass shed on the foundation to house monitoring equipment. Buried cables would connect the monitoring equipment with collection devices and sensors in the nearby sheds.

The new monitoring stations would be placed at seven sites at the RFP. A foundation and shed similar to those described for the upgrade action would be built. Either one or two flumes (narrow artificial channels) would be constructed in the creek near each station and sensors would be installed.

The action would involve some alignment of the stream channels, installation of concrete foundations for the flumes, and placement of riprap to control flow and reduce potential for erosion. The installation of the flumes could cause a surface disturbance as large as 40 feet long and 40 feet wide. Buried cables would connect the flume and the sensors to the monitoring shed.

Both of these actions would require short-term access to the site by a limited amount of vehicular traffic, including trucks for mixing concrete and for transporting the sheds.

DATES: Comments on the proposed action must be postmarked by May 26, 1992 to assure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Beth Brainard, Public Affairs Office, Rocky Flats Office, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 928, Golden, CO 80402-0928. Telephone: (303) 966-5993. FAX comments to: (303) 966-6633.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For information on general DOE floodplain environmental review requirements, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Oversight, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2856.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A map showing the locations of the existing and proposed locations of the monitoring stations is available upon request.

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Richard A. Claytor,

Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs.

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Floodplain Involvement Notification for Site Characterization Field Work in Operable Units 3, 4, 7, and 9 at the Rocky Flats Plant near Golden, CO

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of floodplain involvement.

SUMMARY: Regulations at 10 CFR part 1022 require DOE to evaluate actions it may take in a floodplain in order to ensure proper consideration of protection of the floodplain in decision making. As soon as practicable after a determination that a floodplain may be involved, 10 CFR 1022.14 requires that a public notice be published in the *Federal Register*, including a description of the proposed action and its location. The proposed action does not include wetlands.

DOE proposes to carry out site characterization activities, some of which would be within designated floodplains, at its Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) north of Golden, Colorado. These activities would be a part of DOE's effort to determine the existence, nature, and extent of any environmental contamination resulting from RFP operations, as required by the Rocky Flats Interagency Agreement entered into by DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Colorado.

DATES: Comments on the proposed action must be postmarked by May 26, 1992 to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: Floodplain Comments, c/o Beth Brainard, Public Affairs Office, Rocky Flats Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Post Office Box 928, Golden, Colorado 80402-0928. Telephone: (303) 966-5993. Fax comments to: (303) 966-6633.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information on general DOE floodplain environmental review requirements is available from: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Oversight, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DOE proposes to carry out site characterization activities, some of which would be within floodplains, at its RFP north of Golden, Colorado, to determine the nature and extent of any contamination as part of cleanup actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act as

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required by the Rocky Flats Interagency Agreement. The project includes the collection of surface water, groundwater, soil, sediment, and air samples, and field surveys and sampling of terrestrial and aquatic biota. The site characterization work would be located in Operable Unit (OU) 3 (Off-site Areas), OU 4 (Solar Evaporation Ponds), OU 7 (Present Landfill), and OU 9 (Original Process Waste Lines) and will start in the spring of 1992. Most of work is expected to be carried out during 1992, though some would continue into 1993 and beyond.

The site characterization work that would take place in floodplains consists of the following. Soil samples would be collected from OUs 3, 4, and 7. Six vertical soil profile trenches, each approximately 9 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 4 feet deep, would be dug by backhoe in OU 3 to obtain soil samples. Approximately 1,500 2-to 3-tablespoon soil samples would be taken by hand from the top 1/4 inch of ground at locations within 12 miles of RFP as part of the OU 3 program. Approximately 35 soil samples would be collected from a depth of up to 1 inch at site OU 4. Soil samples would be taken from depths of 2 to 3 inches at 12 locations in OU 7. Sediment samples would be taken from the bottoms of streams, ditches, ponds, and reservoirs at or near RFP for the OU 3 and OU 7 programs.

Surface water samples would be obtained from water bodies on and near the Plant for OU 3 and OU 7. Groundwater samples would be collected from new and existing monitoring wells for OU 3 on and off the RFP site. A total of eight wells/boreholes would be drilled to obtain ground-water and/or soil samples on OUs 3 and 4. Typical wells and boreholes are 6 inches in diameter and 15 to 60 feet deep, though some may be deeper.

Also at OU 3, air sampling and meteorological monitoring stations would be established and operated. Two air sampling stations and two 8-meter meteorological towers would be located in the environs of Standley Lake (southeast of RFP) for the OU 3 program. Tests would be conducted with small- and medium-sized portable wind tunnels on exposed areas of the Standley Lake bed to identify the ability to winds at various speeds to pick up and transport exposed sediments.

Samples of flora and fauna would be collected in OUs 3, 4, 7, and 9. A radiological survey would be conducted in the area of OU 4 using hand-held instruments. Finally, excavations may be made in the South Walnut Creek floodplain to locate and investigate

possible buried pipelines as part of OU 9 characterization.

Maps showing locations of the specific site characterization activities are available on request from the Rocky Flats Office (see ADDRESSES above).

Paul D. Grimm,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management.

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Noncompetitive Financial Assistance Award

AGENCY: Bartlesville Project Office, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of noncompetitive financial assistance award.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Bartlesville Project Office (BPO) announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.7 (b)(2)(i)(A) and (D), it intends to make a Non-Competitive Financial Assistance (Grant) Award through the Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center (PETC) to the Oklahoma Geological Survey (OGS) (University of Oklahoma) for continued development and upkeep of the "Natural Resources Information System (NRIS) for the State of Oklahoma"—a joint effort with the Geological Information Systems (GIS) Department of the University of Oklahoma Sarkeys Energy Center.

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

Grant No.: DE-FG22-92BC14853.

Title: Support of "Natural Resources Information system (NRIS) for the State of Oklahoma".

Awardee: Oklahoma Geological Survey (University of Oklahoma).

Term: 24 months (Est. Award Date, 5/18/92).

Cost: Total estimated cost is \$952,661 of which \$252,661 will be borne by the awardee, with the remaining \$700,000 funded by DOE.

Scope: The objective is to continue to develop, edit, maintain, utilize and make available to the public the oil and gas Well History File portion of the Natural Resources Information System (NRIS) for the State of Oklahoma. The proposed work is considered to be relevant to the DOE mission in that the program will provide a mechanism for communication and interactive research efforts between DOE and the Oklahoma Geological Survey in the development and maintenance of an information system in response to the need for a computerized, centrally located library containing accurate, detailed information on the state's natural resources. The two-year cooperative

research program extends an unique opportunity to complete the foundation of the NRIS oil and gas Well History File by processing all remaining historical completion records which can have a major impact on the projects for assessing and identifying future directions in the state's natural resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE TO: U.S. Department of Energy, Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center, Attn: Ms. Donna J. Lebetz, Contract Administrator, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-118, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940.

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Richard D. Rogus,

Chief, Contracts Group Acquisition and Assistance Div.

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Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management

Analytical Services Program; Availability for Public Review and Comment

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (EM) is making available for public review and comment its "Analytical Services Program (ASP) Plan (First Edition—January 29, 1992)" describing how DOE will obtain analytical services to support its environmental restoration and waste management activities.

DATES: Written comments on this document will be accepted by mail at the address given below until June 22, 1992.

ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

The document is available from the Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, Laboratory Management Division (EM-513), Trevion II, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0002. Comments and requests for additional information should be addressed to Dr. Daniel Lillian, Laboratory Management Division, Trevion II, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0002; telephone number (301) 903-7956. Express mail should be sent to the Laboratory Management Division (EM-513), Trevion II, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901.